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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 September 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4,5 and 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 05 September 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lenoski et al. (US 4,780,874, hereinafter, “Lenoski”).

Regarding claim 1, Lenoski discloses, at least in Figs. 2 and 6, an electronic circuit comprising:

first (24) and second (26) combinational logic blocks; and
a latch (21) positioned between the combinational logic blocks; wherein the electronic circuit is adapted to operate in a normal mode (col. 5, lines 38+) in which the latch is opened (when ENABLE of 70 in Fig. 6 is enabled) and closed (when ENABLE of 70 in Fig. 6 is disabled) in response to an enable signal (ENABLE, output of 88), and a test mode (col. 5, lines 42+) in which the latch is held open.(when ENABLE of 70 in Fig. 6 is enabled).

Regarding claim 2, Lenoski discloses, at least in Figs. 2 and 6, a latch control circuit (88) connected to the latch, the latch control circuit being adapted to control the latch with the enable signal (ENABLE, output of 88) when the electronic circuit is in the normal mode, and to hold the latch open (when ENABLE of 70 in Fig. 6 is enabled) when the electronic circuit is in the test mode.

Regarding claim 3, Lenoski discloses, at least in Figs. 2 and 6, that wherein the latch control circuit receives a signal (SCAN SELECT 36) indicating the mode of operation of the electronic circuit.

Method claim 6 is the same in scope as apparatus claim 1 and is rejected similarly.

Allowable Subject Matter

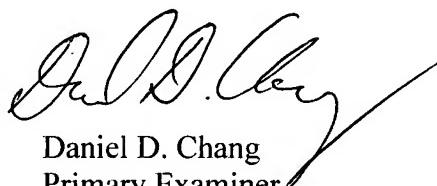
Claims 4, 5, and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel D. Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1801. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rexford Barnie can be reached on (571) 272-7492. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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